

Special Ela Township
Board Meeting
September 5, 2001
On
Community Youth
Approved 11-08-01

The Ela Township Board met on Wednesday September 5, 2001 at the Ela Township Senior Center located at 1025 Old McHenry Road, Lake Zurich at 3pm. The following discussion on Community Youth was transacted at this time.

Meeting called to order at 3:03pm.

Board Roll Call:

Present: Supervisor Tinerella, Clerk Prouty, Trustees Black, Burch, Knudtson, Assessor Hoffman and Trustee Sullivan was absent.

Other Persons Present:

Juvenile Officers John Fenger of Hawthorn Woods Police Department, John Lambie of Kildeer Police Department, Mike Parlberg a 12 year veteran of Lake Zurich Police Department and Commander Rodney Chesser of investigations also of Lake Zurich Police Department. Also present was Melanie Honneger 13-year veteran Guidance Counselor from Lake Zurich Middle School, Sheila Tanner a 9-year veteran Social Worker from Lake Zurich High School, Marilyn Nadulek Social Worker from Sarah Adams, and Vickie O'Connell Guidance Counselor from Lake Zurich Middle School.

Discussion

John Lambie of Kildeer police Department has been using Omni for three years and Omni has always been available for him. His only problem is that he would like to see the families kept in counseling longer, but unfortunately you can't get a court order to accomplish that.

John Fenger of Hawthorn Woods Police Department counts on Omni a lot. Omni has been very helpful with the Peer Jury. Only first offenders go to Peer Jury a more serious offender would go to Juvenile or Branch Courts. The Juvenile Center usually gives them a slap on the hand and sends them back to us and we refer them to Omni.

Omni responds very quickly in a crisis intervention.

Mike Parlberg of Lake Zurich Police Department receives a lot of calls and refers them mainly to Omni.

Omni's records are not that accurate—many cases are repeaters.

Most of Omni counselors do not have a Type 73 Certificate, which means that they can not be alone without a certified counselor.

Any time Social Workers have to do a referral – they have to give at least three, which usually are Cherry Hill, Family Services, Omni, and Safe Place.

Trustee Burch left the meeting at 4:00pm.

Trustee Knudtson would like to have more prevention classes in the lower grades not starting so late into the upper grades. This could possible cut down on bullying which is very popular in the lower classes.

Trustee Knudtson left at 4:12 pm.

Juvenile Officer Mike Parlberg tries putting teens on early curfews (8:00pm) and having the parents enforce it.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22.

Lucy Prouty Ela Township Clerk